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Question of the composition of the General Committee: amendments to rules 30 and 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978,

Taking into account the significant increase in the membership of the United Nations in the past thirty years,

Recognizing that the General Committee of the General Assembly should be enlarged with a view to providing for a more adequate geographical representation,

Noting that the General Committee is comprised of the President of the General Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees,

1. *Decides* to amend rules 30 and 38 of its rules of procedure as follows:

"Rule 30

"Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, the General Assembly shall elect a President and twenty-two Vice-Presidents at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President and the Vice-Presidents so elected will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of that session. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees referred to in rule 98, in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee."

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"Rule 38

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the twenty-two Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee and may participate without vote in the discussions."

2. *Also decides* to replace paragraph 2 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 by the text contained in the annex to the present resolution concerning the pattern of election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

Annex

2. The twenty-two Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly shall be elected according to the following pattern, subject to paragraph 3 below:

(a) Six representatives from African States;

(b) Five representatives from Asian States;

(c) Two representatives from Eastern European States;

(d) Three representatives from Latin American States;

(e) Two representatives from Western European or other States;

(f) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.